

Richmond Dispatch.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1875.
DOUBLE SHEET.
THE WEATHER TO-DAY.—From our report this morning the probabilities are that the weather to-day will be cold and generally clear.
THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear or fair, with low temperature.
Range of Thermometer at the Dispatch Office.
Barometer at 9 A.M. 30.1
Thermometer at 9 A.M. 33
Thermometer at 3 P.M. 33
Thermometer at 9 P.M. 26
Wind at 9 P.M. 26

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE EXECUTIVE MANSION will be thrown open to-day from 12 to 3 o'clock, and his excellency Governor Kemper will receive the guests who may call to interchange the compliments of the season.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.—This being a national holiday, the custom-house, banks, and bank-houses will be closed.
The post-office will be open from 9 to 10 A. M.

NEW YEAR SERVICES.—Divine services will be held in St. Paul's church at noon to-day.

PRESENTATION. The Mayor will receive his guests to-day, January 1, from 12 M. to 3 P. M. at his residence, No. 707 Franklin street.

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BY TELEGRAPH.
Horrible Murder of a Former Citizen
[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]
WIRTA SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., December 31.—At an early hour this morning Mr. A. J. Dotson, who was one time connected with Garber's express in Richmond, and more recently employed as clerk in the store of J. C. Bright & Co., at Greenbrier bridge, six miles west of here, was found upon the floor of the store in a dying condition, surrounded by a pool of his own blood, with a severe gash in his forehead, skull mashed in several places, eight pieces of which have since been extracted—one eye and cheek-bone crushed out of all semblance of anything human, and one ear cut entirely to two, breaking the skull at that point.
The wounds were evidently inflicted with a two-pound weight, which was found near him smeared with blood.
Contrary to his custom, he had his pistol in his pocket, of which one barrel had been discharged, and blood was found on it. A shot-gun, left at the store by an old negro, was found on the floor, and had been discharged, the contents having entered the floor near where Mr. Dotson was found.
He is alive at 7 o'clock to-night, but cannot live long, and being unconscious, of course cannot give any explanation of his situation. Various are the conjectures as to who were the perpetrators of this horrible crime, but in fact there is not as yet the slightest clue that might lead to their detection.
Mr. Dotson is a most highly respectable gentleman, and one esteemed by all who know him. He has a family.

GREENBRIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., December 31.—To-night about 7 o'clock Mr. A. C. Liggett, a special officer of this county, called at the house of Mr. Dotson, the gentleman who was so fearfully butchered this morning, to inquire his condition. Upon being invited in, he approached the bedside of the dying man, and kneeling at his side, asked him if he would not tell him who hurt him. Greatly to the surprise and astonishment of those present, Mr. Dotson spoke and said: "Ned Rives did it. He came to the store after midnight last night, bought a bill of goods of me amounting to \$26.65, took them up, and started away without paying me. I asked him to stop, which he did, but failing to agree upon any terms of settlement, I asked him to wait in the store until morning, when we could adjust it. This he consented to do, but knowing him to be a desperate character, I put a pistol in my pocket, sat down, and must have fallen asleep, for the next thing I knew was when I realized that I was lying upon the floor, shot, and Rives beating me over the head with a two-pound weight. I managed to draw my pistol and fire, and remember no more."

Rives used the gun mentioned in my first dispatch. Until approached by Mr. Liggett, Mr. Dotson had not uttered a word since being discovered by Dr. Nelson early this morning. Liggett started at once for this place, whither he learned Rives had gone. He arrived here about 10 o'clock, ascertained the whereabouts of Rives, who was in a negro stable at the depot, arrested him, and by 11 o'clock had the monster securely tied and on the way to Lewisburg jail.

Rives is a brutal and savage-looking negro, about twenty-five years old, and hails from about Charlottesville.
Mr. Dotson is by this time probably dead, and apprehensions are felt that his murderer will be lynched.
Mr. Liggett deserves great praise for the energy, skill, and pluck he displayed in bringing this fiend to justice.

Alabama Outrages.
[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]
MONTGOMERY, Ala., December 31.—The congressional committee engaged in the investigation of alleged outrages has been in session all day, and has examined several persons. The nature of the evidence has not been made public, but is thought to be important. The committee will probably remain till Monday.

Late Weather Report.
[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]
WASHINGTON, January 1.—A. M.—For the Middle States, cold and generally clear weather during the day, with variable winds shifting to easterly and southerly, and slowly falling barometer, followed by cloudy weather and rising temperature.

GRAND CLOSING-OUT SALE OF THE STOCK OF THE FARM MILKERY COMPANY in order to close at the end of the year. Every article will be sold regardless of cost. The goods are all fresh and of the latest styles—such as bonnets, hats, ladies' caps, flowers, feathers, silks, velvets, trimmings, ornaments, and many others. Call and buy what you want before the 10th of January.

PARIS MILKERY COMPANY, over Levy Brothers', 1017 and 1019 Main street.

LINKS GOSPEL.—Should you want table-cloths, napkins, towels, doilies, crash, bird's-eye, Russia, or Scotch drapery; call at LEVY BROTHERS and you will not only find the cheapest, but the best assorted stock in this city.

FINE HAVANA ORANGES, FINE FLORIDA ORANGES, FINE CALIFORNIA ORANGES, MALAGA GRAPES, PRIME BOXES, CATAPAWD GRAPES IN 3-B BOXES, at PIZZINI'S, 807 Broad street.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.
W. K. KITCH & CO., 10 A. M., furniture, &c., at 204 Broad street.
COOK & LAUGHTON, 10 A. M., furniture, &c.

EDUCATIONAL.
HOLLIS INSTITUTE.—The spring term will commence on the 1st of FEBRUARY. BOARD AND TUITION, \$12.50; Music, \$3.00; payable half in advance. Post-office, Belmont Springs, Va. Apply to the principal, CHAS. L. COCKE, at 14-17 W. 4th St., New York.

SEINE-THREAD, &c.
10,000 POUNDS SEINE-THREAD, (no favorably known make) has arrived. From now prepared to furnish all my customers with all Nos. and quantities of SEINE-THREAD, at low prices. Call on HAWKINS TWINE, SEINE LINES, SEINE COCKS, CORKWORK, &c. HALL and DRIFT, Short North, and STAKE. Country orders promptly attended to if accompanied with the cash. Importer of Seine Thread, of 25 1705 and 1707 Franklin street.

WOOD AND COAL.
CREEPER HILL LUMP AND HAIL COAL, soft lump and Hail COAL, Anthracite, Cannel, Coking, well screened, and sold by weight. West Virginia COAL; OAK and PINE WOOD—all of the best quality, and warranted to give entire satisfaction. **ANDERSON & KING,** Basin Bank, oc 22, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

CUMBERLAND AND BITUMINOUS COAL, for smiths and steam purposes; **SPLIT AND CLOVER HILL COAL,** at 1017 and 1705 Franklin street, P. R. CARLINGTON, au 10.

FRANKLIN COAL.
I will deliver this celebrated COAL, direct from the mines, at the lowest price, and will please call and see the quality. **WINTER ROBERTS,** Jr 11, corner Seventeenth and Dock streets.

WEDDING AND VISITING CARDS, sent direct to the Dispatch Printing House, 2nd story, at the Dispatch Printing House.

Albright (Republican) and Luttrell (Democrat) conducted the investigation. Many witnesses were examined as to alleged outrages. The general run of testimony, as far as ascertainable, was to the effect that not a Republican meeting was disturbed by Democrats in this county, but that the Democrats were frequent between the two Radical parties, often resulting in bloodshed, and once in death by a pistol shot.
Most of the operatives of the Cornell watch-factory have struck against the employment of Chinese.
A dense fog prevailed in London yesterday. The Louisiana Congressional Investigating Committee held a session in New Orleans yesterday, and was engaged mainly in hearing the testimony of General Ogden, commanding officer of the white league in that city.
The Governor of Santander has resigned. The town is quiet. The navy is favorable to Alfonso. Marshal Serrano has gone to Madrid.
Additional dispatches from Spain state that Prince Alfonso has been invited to visit the army of the North.
The ships in the harbor of Santander have hoisted the royal flag.

FINANCIAL.
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